# Mayor and City Council Agenda Item Request

Meeting Date: 5/6/2013 Type: Presentation

#### Call to Podium:

Jacob Levine, 4th Grade Student, Diamond Elementary School

#### Agenda Item Title:

Presentation of the City of Gaithersburg 2013 Junior Mayor contest winner in conjunction with the Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest.

### **Responsible Staff and Department:**

Amy McGuire, Communication Specialist, Department of Community & Public Relations

#### **Desired Outcome from Council:**

Hear Essay and Present Award to Contest Winner

Public Hearing History	
Introduction Date:	
Advertisement Date :	
Public Hearing Date:	
Record Held Open Date:	
Policy Discussion Date:	
Anticipated Adoption Date:	

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## **Supporting Background Information:**

Fourth graders in the City of Gaithersburg were encouraged to share what they would do if they were Mayor in a statewide essay contest sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League in partnership with the Maryland Mayors' Association, Injured Workers' Insurance Fund and Local Government Insurance Trust. The theme this year was "Vision for the Future." Students from Gaithersburg area schools submitted 195 essays to the statewide contest. The Maryland Municipal League will select one winning essay from each of its 11 regional districts for the statewide contest.

The City of Gaithersburg takes this program one step further by running its own local Junior Mayor contest. Our Educational Enrichment Committee reviewed 166 essays from students who are also City residents and interviewed the finalists.

It is a great pleasure to introduce our 2013 Junior Mayor, Jacob Levine, from Ms. Dara Tokarz's 4th Grade class at Diamond Elementary School. As the winner, Jacob will have the opportunity to participate with the Mayor and City Council at events throughout the year, and have his essay published on the City's website.

Jacob was officially introduced at the State of the City event on April 11. Tonight we would like to invite Jacob to read his award winning essay.